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SUBJECT: NOON BRIEFING (CUBA-KIDNAPPING OF THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR)

FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPT SPOKESMAN AT TODAY'S NOON BRIEFING, WED. OCT 17. NO QUESTIONS ASKED AT BRIEFING BUT CONTENT OF RESPONSES CONVEYED TO UPI AND OTHER PRESS IN RESPONSE THEIR INQUIRIES.

Q: IS THE KIDNAPPER OF THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR SEEKING TO FLEE TO THE UNITED STATES?

A: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO HIS INTENTIONS.
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Q: IF HE DID MANAGE TO LAND IN THE U.S., WOULD THE U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT HIM ASYLUM?

A: WE WOULD SEEK TO ENFORCE THE ANTI-HIJACKING AGREEMENT WE HAVE WITH CUBA AND US POLICIES AGAINST HIJACKING.

Q: HAS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE SWISS ON THE MATTER.

A: YES. I WON'T COMMENT NOW ON OUR COMMUNICATIONS.

TELEGRAM TO BE DECLASSIFIED IN 3 MONTHS (1/17/74).

ADD ADVISORY: (A CUBAN IN HAVANA HAS KIDNAPPED THE BELGIAM AMBASSADOR AND DEMANDED THAT HE BE TAKEN FROM THE COUNTRY IN THE AMBASSADOR'S BOAT, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS. AT LAST REPORT, BOTH WERE IN THE FRENCH EMBASSY.) KISSINGER

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